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Attorney General Ashcroft, Justice Dept.
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my support for the settlement reached between the Dept. of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation. As a retired economic development consultant, I am aware of the importance of a prompt resolution of this antitrust dispute. Since the inception of this lawsuit, confidence in the technology industry has decreased. The enactment of the settlement, then, will increase confidence in the industry once more. In the current period of recession, I believe that the focus of the Justice Dept. should be to focus on the rebuilding of our economy, rather than the continued waste of federal resources that further litigation would necessitate.

Microsoft has been more than willing to make the concessions in an attempt to resolve this issue. Microsoft has agreed to disclose the protocols and internal interface design of the Windows system. The result of this will be that developers will now be able to develop hardware and software that is more compatible with the Windows system.

Finally, I believe that the settlement is in the best interests of our economy. Please enact the settlement with haste.

Sincerely,

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